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Programme of meetings and agenda

Official meetings

Tuesday, 30 September 2008

[No meetings are scheduled at Headquarters *today*, 30 September 2008, official holiday.]

Wednesday, 1 October 2008

General Assembly

Sixty-third session

Informal consultations on the agenda item 70 (a) (Oceans and the law of the sea)

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 8

3–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 8

[*Note*: An information session for new delegates, organized by the Division for Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea (DOALOS), will be held on *Wednesday, 1 October 2008*, from 1 to 1.45 p.m. in Conference Room 8, on the outcome of the second meeting of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Informal Working Group to study issues relating to the conservation and sustainable use of marine biological diversity beyond areas of national jurisdiction and relevant recent developments within the Convention on Biological Diversity, and the outcome of the ninth meeting of the United Nations Open-ended Informal Consultative Process on Oceans and the Law of the Sea.]

General Assembly

Sixty-third session

Informal plenary meeting of the General Assembly to commemorate the International Day of Non-Violence, will be held on Thursday, 2 October 2008 from 9.30 to 10 a.m. in the General Assembly Hall. The ceremony will include opening remarks by the President of the General Assembly as well as by the Secretary-General.

The Minister for Foreign Affairs of South Africa, H.E. Ms. Nkosazana Dlamini Zuma; and the External Affairs Minister of India, H.E. Mr. Pranab Mukherjee, will also address the Member States. A letter from the President of the General Assembly dated 26 September 2008 was sent by facsimile to all Permanent Representatives and Observers.

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Security Council

The President of the Security Council for the month of October 2008 (China) will hold a briefing to the press on the programme of work for the month of October on Friday, 3 October 2008, at 12.30 p.m. in the Press Briefing Room (S-226). Delegations can view the Press briefing in Studio 4 located in the First Basement.

General Assembly

Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 10

3–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 10

1. Executive session
2. Human Resources Management

General Assembly
Security Council

Peacebuilding Commission
Third session

Guinea-Bissau configuration

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . 1st meeting . . . . . Conference Room 4

1. Adoption of the agenda (PBC/3/GNB/2)
2. Adoption of the Strategic Framework for Peacebuilding in Guinea-Bissau (PBC/3/GNB/L.1/Rev.1)
3. Other matters

General Assembly
Sixty-third session

Main Committees

First Committee

A technical briefing by the Secretariat for delegates of the First Committee will be held on *Wednesday, 1 October 2008,* from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 7.

Other meetings

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Wednesday, 1 October 2008

Bilateral contacts on the draft comprehensive convention on international terrorism (convened by the Coordinator)

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room D

Other activities

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Wednesday, 1 October 2008

High-Level Investment Forum "Investing in landlocked developing countries: trends, experiences and the way forward" (jointly organized by the UN-OHRLLS, UNCTAD and the World Bank)

From 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 5 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

[All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Margherita Musollino-Berg, UN-OHRLLS (tel. 1 (212) 963-4844; e-mail musollino@un.org).]

UNU Emerging Thinking on Global Issues Lecture Series (I): "From Communism to Confucianism: Changing Political Discourses on China's Political Future and its Meaning for the World" (organized by United Nations University Office in New York (UNU-ONY))

From 4 to 5.30 pm in Dag Hammarskjöld Library Auditorium.

[For more information and to register, please visit the Web site <www.ony.unu.edu>; or contact Mr. Durlabh Maharishi, UNU-ONY (tel. 1 (212) 963-6387; e-mail durlabh@ony.unu.edu).]

Press conferences

The schedule below is tentative; up-to-date information can be obtained at <www.un.org/News/ossg/conf.htm>.

Wednesday, 1 October 2008

Room S-226

12 noon . . . . . Press briefing by the Spokesperson

Forthcoming official meetings

Thursday, 2 October 2008

General Assembly
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High-level plenary meeting devoted to the midterm review of the Almaty Programme of Action

10–11 a.m. . . . . 17th plenary meeting . . . . . General Assembly Hall

Specific actions related to the particular needs and problems of landlocked developing countries: outcome of the International Ministerial Conference of Landlocked and Transit Developing Countries and Donor Countries and International Financial and Development Institutions on Transit Transport Cooperation . . . . . [52 (b)]

(a) Report of the Secretary-General (A/63/165)

(b) Draft resolution (A/63/L.3)

11.15 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Trusteeship Council Chamber

Panel: "Role of International Support in establishing efficient transit transport systems to expand trade opportunities for landlocked developing countries"

Remarks by: the President of the General Assembly

Moderator: Mr. Cheick Sidi Diarra, Under-Secretary-General and High Representative for the Least Developed Countries, Landlocked Developing Countries and Small Island Developing States

Presentations by:

Mr. Ad Melkert, Associate Administrator, United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)

Mr. Danny Leipziger, Vice-President, Poverty Reduction and Economic Management, World Bank

Mr. Antonio Juan Sosa, Vice-President for Infrastructure, Corporación Andina de Fomento

Mr. Modibo I. Toure, Chief of Staff and Director of President's Office, African Development Bank

Mr. Robert Schoellhammer, Deputy Resident Director, North American Representative Office, Asian Development Bank

3–6 p.m. . . . . 18th plenary meeting . . . . . General Assembly Hall

Specific actions related to the particular needs and problems of landlocked developing countries: outcome of the International Ministerial Conference of Landlocked and Transit Developing Countries and Donor Countries and International Financial and Development Institutions on Transit Transport Cooperation . . . . . [52 (b)]

(a) Report of the Secretary-General (A/63/165)

(b) Draft resolution (A/63/L.3)

Main Committees

First Committee

The First Committee will hold its organizational meeting on Thursday, 2 October 2008, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 4, to consider its tentative programme of work and timetable (see document A/62/399*).

The Committee will begin its substantive work by holding a general debate on all disarmament and international security agenda items from Monday, 6, to Tuesday, 14 October 2008. Delegations wishing to be inscribed in the list of speakers are requested to kindly contact Ms. Giulia Marrone (room S-2977; tel. 1 (917) 367-9328; e-mail marrone@un.org).

Delegations are reminded that, during the general debate, in accordance with the practice at recent sessions of the First Committee and guidance provided by the Bureau, a time limit should be observed of 10 minutes for delegations speaking in their national capacity, and 15 minutes for those speaking on behalf of several delegations. The list of speakers will be prepared on the basis of this time limit.

Delegations are reminded that the names of representatives, alternate representatives and advisers should be forwarded to the secretariat of the First Committee (c/o Ms. Francine Leong (room S-2977; tel. 1 (212) 963-4389; fax 1 (212) 963-5305; e-mail leong@un.org)).

Delegations wishing to reserve conference rooms for consultations during the session should contact Ms. Lidija Komatina (tel. 1 (212) 963-2378).

Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee)

The Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) will hold its 1st meeting on Thursday, 2 October 2008, from 10 to 11 a.m. in Conference Room 4. The agenda for the meeting will be as follows: Allocation of agenda items (A/C.4/63/1); organization of work (A/C.4/63/L.1); list of documents of the Committee (A/C.4/63/INF/1); and aide-mémoire on requests for hearing (1/08)[1].

The Committee will begin its consideration of the cluster of items on decolonization on Monday, 6 October, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 4. Delegations wishing to be inscribed on the list of speakers for the general debate relating to all decolonization items are kindly requested to notify Mr. Martin Vrastiak (room S-2977JJ; tel. 1 (917) 367-9324; e-mail vrastiak@un.org).

Delegations are also reminded that the names of their representatives, alternates and advisers to the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) are to be submitted to Mr. Saijin Zhang, Secretary of the Committee (c/o Mr. John Pabon, room S-2977NN; fax 1 (212) 963-5305).

[1]To be distributed at the meeting.

Second Committee

General debate

The Committee will begin its general debate on Monday, 6 October 2008, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 2. The Deputy Secretary-General, Ms. Asha-Rose Migiro, and the Under-Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs, Mr. Sha Zukang, will address the Committee before the opening of its general debate.

The Committee will also hear a keynote address by Prof. Ricardo Hausmann, Director of Harvard University's Center for International Development and Professor of the Practice of Economic Development at the Kennedy School of Government.

Information on the work of the Second Committee is available at <www.un.org/ga/second/>.

List of speakers

The list of speakers for the general debate and for all other items allocated to the Second Committee is open. Delegations wishing to be inscribed are requested to contact, *in writing*, the secretariat of the Committee (Ms. Dolores Lois (fax 1 (212) 963-5935; or e-mail lois@un.org)).

Composition of delegations

Delegations are reminded that the names of representatives, alternate representatives and advisers, should be submitted *as soon as possible* to Ms. Jennifer de Laurentis, Secretary of the Second Committee (room S-2950C; fax 1 (212) 963-5935).

Third Committee

General debate

The Third Committee will begin its work on Monday, 6 October 2008, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 1.

Information on the work of the Third Committee is available at the following Web site <www.un.org/ga/third/>.

List of speakers

The list of speakers on all agenda items allocated to the Third Committee is open. Requests for inscription should be sent to Ms. Nancy Beteta (fax 1 (212) 963-5935; e-mail beteta@un.org).

Composition of delegations

Delegations are reminded that the names of representatives, alternate representatives and advisers, should be submitted *as soon as possible* to Mr. Moncef Khane, Secretary of the Third Committee (room S-2950D; fax 1 (212) 963-5935).

Fifth Committee

The Fifth Committee will hold its organizational meeting on Friday, 3 October 2008, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 3, to consider its proposed programme of work. The status of

preparedness of documentation for the Fifth Committee during the sixty-third session of the General Assembly will be issued as document A/C.5/63/L.1.

The Deputy Secretary-General, Ms. Asha-Rose Migiro, will make a statement at the Committee's organizational meeting.

Delegations that have not done so are kindly reminded to submit the names of their representatives, alternates and advisers to the Secretary of the Fifth Committee, Mr. Movses Abelian (room S-2633A; fax 1 (212) 963-0360).

Information on the work of the Fifth Committee during the sixty-third session of the General Assembly, including the tentative and provisional programme of work, is available at <www.un.org/ga/fifth>.

Informal briefings

Informal briefings (closed) will be held as follows:

Friday, 3 October 2008, immediately following the organizational meeting of the Fifth Committee, in Conference Room 3:

Reform and management of the United Nations (by Ms. Angela Kane, Under-Secretary-General for Management);

Monday, 6 October 2008, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 3:

Human Resources Management (by Ms. Catherine Pollard, Assistant Secretary-General, Human Resources Management); and

Tuesday, 7 October 2008, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 3:

Enterprise resource planning (ERP)/Information and communication technology (ICT) (by Mr. Choi Soon-hong, Chief Information Technology Officer, Assistant Secretary-General); and

Capital master plan (by Mr. Michael Adlerstein, Executive Director, Assistant Secretary-General, CMP).

Sixth Committee

The Sixth Committee will hold its first meeting on Tuesday, 6 October 2008 at 10 a.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber.

The provisional programme of work for the sixty-third session, as well as other relevant information relating to the organization of work and the status of documentation, is available on the website of the Sixth Committee and is regularly updated (<www.un.org/ga/sixth/63/63_session.shtml>). The note by the Secretariat on the Organization of Work (A/C.6/63/L.1) and the allocation of agenda items to the Sixth Committee (A/C.6/63/1) have been issued.

List of speakers

The list of speakers for all items on the agenda of the Sixth Committee is open. Delegations wishing to be inscribed on the list are kindly requested to contact the secretariat of the Sixth Committee (Ms. Marianne Sooksatan (tel. 1 (212) 963-5378; fax 1 (212) 963-1963)). Please note that in the first week, the Committee will deal with agenda items 129 (Administration of justice at the United Nations); 99 (Measures to

eliminate international terrorism); and 73 (Criminal accountability of United Nations officials and experts on mission).

Composition of delegations

Delegations that have not done so are kindly reminded to submit the names of their representatives, alternates and advisers to the secretariat of the Sixth Committee (room S-3460; fax 1 (212) 963-1963).

General Assembly

Committee on Relations with the Host Country

The 239th meeting of the Committee on Relations with the Host Country will be convened on Thursday, 2 October 2008, at 10.30 a.m. in Conference Room 3. Delegations of Member States that wish to attend as observers should indicate their desire to do so in advance to the Secretary of the Committee (room S-3420D; fax 1 (212) 963-6430; e-mail sinha1@un.org). The meeting will not be open to members of the press or the public. Delegations are reminded that while any matter pertinent to the work of the Committee may be raised from the floor, they are encouraged, in accordance with the decision of the Committee adopted at its 164th meeting in March 1994, to request the formal inscription, at least 48 hours prior to the meeting, of specific items they would like to raise, keeping in mind the detailed list of topics adopted by the Committee in 1982 (see document A/50/26, par. 5). Delegations are further encouraged to submit to the Secretary of the Committee (room S-3420D; fax 1 (212) 963-6430; e-mail sinha1@un.org) any relevant documentation or written statements in advance of the meeting.

Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People

The 312th meeting of the Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People will be held on Monday, 6 October 2008, at 3 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women

Executive Board

Fifth session
Second resumed session

The second resumed fifth session (closed) of the Executive Board of the International Research and Training Institute for the Advance of Women (INSTRAW) will be held on Thursday, 2 October 2008, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 9.

Forthcoming informal meetings on draft proposals circulated by delegations

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "The intensification of efforts to eliminate all forms of violence against women" (under agenda item 56 (a)) (convened by the delegations of Belgium and the Netherlands)

Tuesday, 7 October 2008, from 1 to 3 p.m. in Conference Room C;

Thursday, 9 October 2008, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room C; and

Monday, 13 October 2008, from 1 to 3 p.m. in Conference Room C.

Other forthcoming meetings

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Group of 77 (on Fifth Committee matters)

Thursday, 2 October 2008, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

Briefing by the Under-Secretary-General and Executive Secretary of the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (to update Member States of the Commission on the work of the Commission, particularly in establishing transit transport systems and expanding trade opportunities for landlocked developing countries)

Thursday, 2 October 2008, from 1.15 to 2.15 p.m. in Conference Room B.

International Criminal Court (informal consultations convened by the Chair of the Oversight Committee on permanent premises)

Thursday, 2 October 2008, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room C.

International Criminal Court: Bureau of the Assembly of States Parties

Friday, 3 October 2008, from 9 to 9.45 a.m. in Conference Room C.

UNITAR seminar on "Labour migration: protection, gender and development" (organized in collaboration with IOM, UNFPA, ILO and the MacArthur Foundation)

Friday, 3 October 2008, from 9.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room D.

[Advance registration is required to attend the seminar. For further information please visit <www.unitarny.org/en/migdevseries.html>; or contact Ms. Victoria Rietig, UNITAR (room DC1-603; tel. 1 (212) 963-3021; e-mail victoriarietig@unitarny.org).]

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DPI/NGO briefing entitled "The 18th annual celebration of the International Day of Older Persons: A call for a Convention on the Rights of Older Persons"

Thursday, 2 October 2008, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 2.

[All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Mr. Albert Lee, NGO Section, Department of Public Information (tel. 1 (212) 963-7709; e-mail section1d@un.org).]

Briefing by the Minister of State and Special Secretary on Human Rights for Brazil, and UNICEF (on the organization of the World Congress III Against Sexual Exploitation of Children and Adolescents)

Thursday, 2 October 2008, at 3 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

[All are invited. For further information, please contact Mr. César Bonamigo, Permanent Mission of Brazil (tel. 1 (646) 236-6996).]

Round table on "Regional dimension of transit transport cooperation", as part of the High-level plenary meeting of the General Assembly devoted to the midterm review of the Almaty Programme of Action (organized by the UN-OHRLLS)

Friday, 3 October 2008, from 1.15 to 2.30 p.m. in Conference Room 6.

[All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Margherita Musollino-Berg, UN-OHRLLS (tel. 1 (212) 963-4844; e-mail musollino@un.org).]

Panel discussion on "Peacebuilding: a role for religion" (organized by the Permanent Observer Mission of the Holy See)

Tuesday, 7 October 2008, from 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 3.

[All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact the Permanent Observer Mission of the Holy See (tel. 1 (212) 370-7885; e-mail office@holyseemission.org).]

Training seminar on the universal periodic review mechanism of the Human Rights Council (organized by the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights)

Thursday, 9 October 2008, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber; and

Friday, 10 October 2008, from 10 a.m. to 12 noon in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

[All Permanent Missions are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Ann Syauta, New York Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (tel. 1 (917) 367-3602; e-mail syauta@un.org).]

Announcements

Informational meetings with Member States to discuss issues relating to language services

In accordance with the established practice mandated by the General Assembly, the Department for General Assembly and Conference Management holds informational meetings with Member States twice a year to consult with them on the improvement of the language services and to provide a channel for communication on terminology issues and the quality of services rendered. The second round of language-specific informational meetings for this year will be held in October, according to the following schedule:

Thursday, 2 October 2008, at 10 a.m., in Conference Room 5: *Arabic*
Thursday, 2 October, at 3 p.m., in Conference Room 5: *Chinese*
Friday, 3 October, at 10 a.m., in Conference Room 5: *English*
Friday, 3 October, at 3 p.m., in Conference Room 5: *French*
Monday, 6 October, at 1.15 p.m., in Conference Room 6: *Russian*
Tuesday, 7 October, at 1.15 p.m., in Conference Room 6: *Spanish.*

General Assembly

Credentials of representatives to the sixty-third session of the General Assembly

Delegations are reminded that credentials should be issued for all representatives to the sixty-third regular session of the General Assembly, in accordance with rule 27 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly. Credentials should be sent to the secretariat of the Credentials Committee (room S-3420B or S-3420D; tel. 1 (212) 963-5352 or 963-1107).

Proposed dates for the Working Groups of the Sixth Committee

The dates for the Working Groups of the Sixth Committee of the sixty-third session of the General Assembly (Administration of justice at the United Nations; Criminal accountability of United Nations officials and experts on mission; and Measures to eliminate international terrorism), as proposed by the incoming Bureau, are now available on the Web site of the Sixth Committee <www.un.org/law/cod/sixth/>.

Launch of the new Web site of the *United Nations Treaty Collection*

The Treaty Section of the Office of Legal Affairs is pleased to announce its new and substantially enhanced Web site in English and French at <treaties.un.org>. The Web site, known as the United Nations Treaty Collection (UNTC), is the authoritative source of information on multilateral treaties deposited with the Secretary-General and treaties registered with the Secretariat. A user name and password are no longer needed to access the collection. For further information, please contact the Treaty Section (tel. 1 (212) 963-5047).

Trust Fund for the Follow-up to the International Conference on Financing for Development

The Trust Fund for the Follow-up to the International Conference on Financing for Development seeks voluntary contributions in order to support the activities involved in the preparations for the Doha Review Conference in 2008, and to support the travel and

participation of representatives of developing countries, in particular least developed countries (para. 12 of General Assembly resolution 62/187 (A/RES/62/187)). The Secretary-General issued, on 6 June 2008, a note verbale to all Governments through their Permanent Missions, appealing for voluntary contributions to the Trust Fund. In accordance with the terms of reference of the Trust Fund, voluntary contributions may be received from Governments, intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations, private institutions and individuals.

For further information on the Trust Fund, please contact Ms. Dominika Halka, Financing for Development Office, DESA (tel. 1 (212) 963-6653; e-mail halka@un.org); or visit <www.un.org/esa/ffd/trustfund/>.

Security Council

Web site of the presidency

The Web site of the presidency of the Security Council can be visited at <www.un.org/sc/presidency.asp>.

Recorded information

Recorded information about previously unscheduled meetings and consultations of the whole of the Security Council may be obtained by calling 1 (212) 963-8530, or by clicking on "Daily Programme" on the Web site of the Security Council <www.un.org/Docs/sc>.

Prepared statements

Speakers in the Security Council are advised that providing in advance copies of prepared statements which they intend to read out in the Council greatly facilitates the work of the Secretariat by permitting a sufficient number of copies to be distributed to all meeting participants and by assisting interpreters, verbatim reporters and press officers in maintaining the quality of the product delivered. Both interpretations and verbatim records rely upon the statement actually delivered, but copies of texts help interpreters to correctly render details and nuances and help verbatim reporters to produce the written record more quickly. Speakers are therefore encouraged, whenever possible, to provide copies of their statements, as early as possible in advance of delivery, to the Conference Officer in the Chamber.

Delegations are kindly requested to make 40 copies for minimum distribution to Council members and relevant services, and 200 additional copies for general distribution in the Security Council Chamber.

Delegations wishing to make statements available for the media are kindly requested to deliver 50 copies to the Media Documents Centre (room S-394).

Access to back issues of the *Journal of the United Nations*

Back issues of the *Journal of the United Nations*, in English and French, can be accessed at the following addresses: <www.un.org/ga/search/journal.asp> and <www.un.org/french/ga/search/journal.asp>.

[All comments and suggestions about the daily *Journal* are welcomed. Kindly contact the Journal Unit at journal@un.org.]

Summary of official meetings

Saturday, 27 September 2008

General Assembly

Sixty-third session

14th plenary meeting

Continuation of the general debate . . . . . [8]

Statements were made by H.E. Mr. Sergey Lavrov, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation; H.E. Mr. Abdelwaheb Abdallah, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Tunisia; H.E. Ms. Kinga Göncz, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Hungary; H.E. Mr. Kabinga Jacus Pande, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Zambia; H.E. Mr. Mohlabi Tsekoa, Minister for Foreign Affairs and International Relations of Lesotho; H.E. Mr. Hassan Wirajuda, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Indonesia; H.E. Mr. Franck Biancéri, Government Councilor for External Relations and for International Economic and Financial Affairs of Monaco; H.E. Ms. Dora Bakoyannis, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Greece; H.E. Mr. Vladimir Norov, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Uzbekistan; H.E. Mr. Kofi Esaw, Minister of State, Minister for Foreign Affairs and Regional Integration of Togo; H.E. The Honourable Paula Gopee-Scoon, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Trinidad and Tobago; H.E. Mr. Gonzalo Fernández, Minister for External Relations of Uruguay; H.E. Mr. Karel Schwarzenberg, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Czech Republic; H.E. Mr. Rais Yatim, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Malaysia; and H.E. Mr. Pak Kil Yon, Vice-Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea.

Statements in the exercise of the right of reply were made by the representatives of the Islamic Republic of Iran, Japan, the United Arab Emirates and the Democratic People's Republic of Korea.

Programme of work

The Assembly was informed that the programme of work and schedule of plenary meetings of the General Assembly have been issued as document A/INF/63/4.

Monday, 29 September 2008

Security Council

5985th meeting

Expression of welcome to the new Permanent Representative of China to the United Nations

The President, on behalf of the Council, welcomed the new Permanent Representative of China to the United Nations, H.E. Mr. Zhang Yesui.

A statement was made by H.E. Mr. Zhang Yesui.

The situation in Liberia

Seventeenth progress report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations Mission in Liberia (S/2008/553)

The agenda was adopted without objection.

The President, with the consent of the Council, invited the representative of Liberia, at his request, to participate in the consideration of the item without the right to vote, in

accordance with the relevant provisions of the Charter and rule 37 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure.

The President drew attention to the text of a draft resolution contained in document S/2008/613, prepared in the course of the Council's prior consultations.

The Council proceeded to vote on the draft resolution (S/2008/613) before it.

Decision: The draft resolution (S/2008/613) received 15 votes in favour, none against and no abstentions, and was adopted unanimously as resolution 1836 (2008).

5986th meeting — *International Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of the Former Yugoslavia since 1991*

Letter dated 24 September 2008 from the Secretary-General addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/2008/621)

The agenda was adopted without objection.

The President drew attention to the text of a draft resolution contained in document S/2008/618, prepared in the course of the Council's prior consultations.

The Council proceeded to vote on the draft resolution (S/2008/618) before it.

Decision: The draft resolution (S/2008/618) received 15 votes in favour, none against and no abstentions, and was adopted unanimously as resolution 1837 (2008).

General Assembly

Sixty-third session

15th plenary meeting — *Continuation of the general debate* . . . . . [8]

Statements were made by H.E. Mr. Thongloun Sisoulith, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Lao People's Democratic Republic; H.E. Mr. Rashid Meredov, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Foreign Affairs of Turkmenistan; H.E. Mr. Andrei Stratan, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Foreign Affairs and European Integration of the Republic of Moldova; H.E. Ms. Rita Kieber-Beck, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Liechtenstein; H.E. Mr. George Yeo, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Singapore; H.E. Mr. Abubakr Al-Qirbi, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Yemen; H.E. Mr. Salah Bashir, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Jordan; H.E. Mr. U Nyan Win, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Myanmar; H.E. Mr. Phandu Skelemani, Minister for Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation of Botswana; H.E. Mr. Moussa Faki Mahamat, Minister for Foreign Affairs and African Integration of Chad; H.E. Mr. Basile Ikouebe, Minister for Foreign Affairs and La Francophonie of the Congo; H.E. Mr. Youssouf Bakayoko, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Côte d'Ivoire; H.E. Mr. Nur Uulu Dosbol, State Secretary of Kyrgyzstan; H.E. Mr. Giadalla Ettalhi, Chairman of the Delegation of the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya; H.E. Ms. María Fernanda Espinosa, Chairperson of the Delegation of Ecuador; and H.E. Mr. Carsten Staur, Chairman of the Delegation of Denmark.

16th plenary meeting — The summary of the 16th plenary meeting of the General Assembly will appear in the next issue of the *Journal* (No. 2008/192).

Main Committees

Second Committee

1st meeting

The Chairperson made an opening statement.

Organization of work

The Chairperson drew the Committee's attention to the letter dated 19 September 2008 from the President of the General Assembly regarding the allocation of agenda items to the Second Committee (A/C.2/63/1), the proposed organization of work of the Committee (A/C.2/63/L.1) and the status of documentation for the Second Committee at the sixty-third session of the General Assembly (A/C.2/63/L.1/Add.1).

The Secretary of the Committee read out revisions to the draft programme of work annexed to document A/C.2/63/L.1.

A statement was made by the representative of Antigua and Barbuda (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China).

The Committee approved its programme of work for the session contained in A/C.2/63/L.1, as orally revised.

A statement was made by the Director, Office of ECOSOC Support and Coordination.

A statement was made by the Secretary of the Committee.

Signatures, Ratifications, etc.

[Multilateral Treaties Deposited with the Secretary-General]

Optional Protocol to the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment. New York, 18 December 2002

Signature: Congo (29 September 2008)

Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women. New York, 6 October 1999

Signature: Congo (29 September 2008)

Ratification: Switzerland (29 September 2008)[1]

Signature: Zambia (29 September 2008)

Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child on the involvement of children in armed conflict. New York, 25 May 2000

Signature: Zambia (29 September 2008)

[1] Date of receipt of the relevant documents.

Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child on the sale of children, child prostitution and child pornography. New York, 25 May 2000

Signature: Zambia (29 September 2008)

Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities. New York, 13 December 2006

Signature: United Republic of Tanzania (29 September 2008)

Signature: Zambia (29 September 2008)

International Convention for the Protection of All Persons from Enforced Disappearance. New York, 20 December 2006

Signature: Lao People's Democratic Republic (29 September 2008)

Signature: United Republic of Tanzania (29 September 2008)

International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of their Families. New York, 18 December 1990

Signature: Congo (29 September 2008)

International Tropical Timber Agreement, 2006. Geneva, 27 January 2006

Signature: Philippines (29 September 2008)

International Convention for the Suppression of the Financing of Terrorism. New York, 9 December 1999

Accession: Lao People's Democratic Republic (29 September 2008)[1]

Protocol on Explosive Remnants of War to the Convention on Prohibitions or Restrictions on the Use of Certain Conventional Weapons which may be deemed to be Excessively Injurious or to have Indiscriminate Effects (Protocol V). Geneva, 28 November 2003

Consent to be bound: Belarus (29 September 2008)[1]

United Nations Convention on Jurisdictional Immunities of States and Their Property. New York, 2 December 2004

Ratification: Iran (Islamic Republic of) (29 September 2008)[1]

International Convention on the Harmonization of Frontier Controls of Goods. Geneva, 21 October 1982

Accession: Lao People's Democratic Republic (29 September 2008)[1]

International Coffee Agreement 2001. London, 28 September 2000

Extension of the Agreement until 30 September 2009

[1] Date of receipt of the relevant documents.

Treaty event

Multilateral Treaty Framework: An invitation to universal participation

2008 Treaty Event: Towards universal participation and implementation — Dignity and justice for all of us

United Nations Headquarters (23-25 and 29 September-1 October 2008)

It is recalled that a series of successful treaty events has been held annually at the United Nations Headquarters commencing with the Millennium Summit in September 2000. This year, the annual treaty event will continue on *Wednesday, 1 October 2008*.

The event, entitled "2008 Treaty Event: Towards universal participation and implementation — Dignity and justice for all of us", provides a distinct opportunity for States to demonstrate their continuing commitment to the central role of the rule of law in international relations. This year's event will highlight treaties associated with the sixtieth anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, the International Year of Planet Earth, the International Year of Sanitation and the International Polar Year, as well as transit and transport treaties of concern to landlocked and transit developing countries.

The list of treaties being highlighted this year has been circulated by depositary notification C.N.158.2008 of 7 March 2008. As is customary, it will be possible to undertake treaty actions with regard to any treaty deposited with the Secretary-General during the treaty event. Necessary facilities, including media coverage, will be made available for treaty actions to be undertaken in a solemn setting.

Delegations intending to sign or deposit instruments relating to multilateral treaties deposited with the Secretary-General during the treaty event may wish to inform their Governments accordingly for the purpose of completing the requisite domestic procedures.

Under the established international practice, only Heads of State, Heads of Government or Ministers for Foreign Affairs are empowered, by virtue of their functions, to sign treaties, on behalf of States without having to produce to full powers to that effect. All other representatives wishing to sign treaties must be in possession of appropriate full powers, which expressly authorize signature of specified treaties by a named representative issued and signed by one of these authorities. Likewise, instruments of ratification, acceptance, approval or accession must be issued and signed by the same authorities.

Further information concerning the 2008 Treaty Event is available on the United Nations Treaty Collection Web site <treaties.un.org> and at the Treaty Section, Office of Legal Affairs (contact: Ms. Sherry Holbrook (tel. 1 (212) 963-5047)). Information concerning the requirements for full powers and the deposit of instruments of ratification, acceptance, approval or accession (including model instruments) can be found in the *Treaty Handbook*, which is also available on the United Nations Treaty Collection Web site.

General information

Chairmen of regional groups

The following information regarding the chairmanship of the regional groups for the month of *October 2008* has been communicated to the Secretariat:

African States:
Kenya
H.E. Mr. Zachary Muburi-Muita

Asian States:
Indonesia
H.E. R.M. Marty Natalegawa

Eastern European States:
Romania
H.E. Mrs. Simona Mirela Miculescu

Latin American and Caribbean States:
Brazil
H.E. Mrs. Maria Luiza Ribeiro Viotti

Western European and other States:
Ireland
H.E. Mr. John Paul Kavanagh

Daily list of documents issued at Headquarters

With the exception of sales publications and public information material, hyperlinked official documents listed hereunder may be accessed through the Official Document System of the United Nations in the electronic version of the present Journal. The list contains documents issued by 2 p.m. on Monday, 29 September 2008.

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A/62/946–S/2008/584	Item 18 — Question of Palestine — Identical letters dated 22 August 2008 from the Permanent Representatives of Indonesia and South Africa to the United Nations addressed to the President of the General Assembly and the President of the Security Council [A C E F R S]
A/RES/62/273	Item 34 — Resolution adopted by the General Assembly — Comprehensive review of the whole question of peacekeeping operations in all their aspects [A C E F R S]

Sixty-third session

A/63/171/Add.1 Item 91 (y) of the provisional agenda — General and complete disarmament — Confidence-building measures in the regional and subregional context — Report of the Secretary-General [A C E F R S]

A/63/331 Item 120 of the provisional agenda — Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations — Information-sharing practices between the United Nations and national law enforcement authorities, as well as referrals of possible criminal cases related to United Nations staff, United Nations officials and experts on mission — Report of the Secretary-General [A C E F R S]

A/63/355 Item 117 of the provisional agenda — Cooperation between the United Nations and regional and other organizations — Letter dated 4 September 2008 from the Permanent Representative of Sri Lanka to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General [A C E F R S]

A/63/372–S/2008/617 Item 17 — The situation in Afghanistan — The situation in Afghanistan and its implications for international peace and security — Report of the Secretary-General [A C E F R S]

A/63/377 Item 8 — General debate — Letter dated 24 September 2008 from the Permanent Representative of Serbia to the United Nations addressed to the President of the General Assembly [A C E F R S]

A/INF/63/4 Programme of work of the General Assembly — Schedule of plenary meetings — Note by the President of the General Assembly [A C E F R S]

First Committee

A/C.1/63/1 Allocation of agenda items to the First Committee — Letter dated 19 September 2008 from the President of the General Assembly to the Chairman of the First Committee [A C E F R S]

Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee)

A/C.4/63/INF/1 Documents of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) — Note by the Secretariat [A C E F R S]

2008 United Nations Pledging Conference for Development Activities

A/CONF.208/2008/2/Corr.1 Contributions pledged or paid at the 2007 United Nations Pledging Conference for Development Activities as at 30 June 2008 — Note by the Secretary-General [A C E F R S]

Security Council **Documents**

A/62/946–S/2008/584 Identical letters dated 22 August 2008 from the Permanent Representatives of Indonesia and South Africa to the United Nations addressed to the President of the General Assembly and the President of the Security Council [A C E F R S]

S/2008/609 Letter dated 17 September 2008 from the Permanent Observer of the League of Arab States to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council [A C E F R S]

A/63/372–S/2008/617	The situation in Afghanistan and its implications for international peace and security — Report of the Secretary-General [A C E F R S]
S/2008/624	Belgium, China, Croatia, France, Germany, Italy, Russian Federation, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and United States of America: draft resolution [A C E F R S]
S/Agenda/5982	Provisional agenda [A C E F R S]
S/Agenda/5983	Provisional agenda [A C E F R S]
S/Agenda/5984	Provisional agenda [A C E F R S]
S/RES/1835 (2008)	Adopted by the Security Council at its 5984th meeting, on 27 September 2008 [A C E F R S]

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Peacebuilding Commission
Third session
Guinea-Bissau configuration

PBC/3/GNB/1	Peacebuilding in Guinea-Bissau — Conclusions and recommendations of the Peacebuilding Commission on the situation in Guinea-Bissau [A C E F R S]
PBC/3/GNB/2	Provisional agenda [A C E F R S]

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